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THE CONVICT LEASE

TO BE INVITED FOR FOUR YEARS

THE LEASE PLAN IS CHANGED

By Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

Tallahassee, Jan. 28.—The board of commissioners of state institutions yesterday afternoon adopted the following resolution relative to leasing state prisoners for the four years beginning January 1, 1910:

Whereas, Two sessions of the legislature having been convened since the passage of the state convicts and no action having been taken by said bodies relative to the disposition of any part of said convicts; and,

Whereas, It has been usual to advertise for bids for the hire of state convicts for a term of four years in Jan. of the year for letting the contracts; and,

Whereas, It has been usual to advertise commissioners of state institutions that a successful bidder would be forced to expend many thousand of dollars in erecting a building and equipping the same prior to receiving the said prisoners; and,

Whereas, After careful consideration of the subject of how best to lease said prisoners, the interest of the state and the care of the prisoners considered, It is

Resolved, by the board for the following, among other reasons, That the contract should be let for the prisoners as a whole:

The disadvantages that must attend direct lease to all who may wish prisoners in small lots.

1st. It is impractical for the state to make thirty to thirty-five different contracts, different bonds, different bids to look to and collect from.

2d. The state would be forced to maintain a central headquarter and collect prisoners from jails and pay expenses after sentence until distributed.

A general manager and guards, food, clothing, physician and a corps of clerks to maintain the distribution, at large expense.

3d. A continual complaint and charge of preference shown, when poor prisoners for service would be selected. Persecution would certainly be charged.

4th. It would be impracticable to have thirty or thirty-five contractors maintain a central hospital, with varying systems. The state would be forced

to do this with no practical method to be recouped.

Should the several leasees join in an effort to maintain hospital and headquarters, it would be unsuccessful, on account of so many varied interests and views conflicting one with the other.

5th. Should a contractor fail, refuse or neglect to perform his duty, forcing cancellation of contract, we would have to take charge of the prisoners and would have no place to put them.

6th. The state would be forced to the expense of photoing and advertising for escapes, an expensive system that is required to be maintained.

7th. The increased risk in having to look to thirty-odd contractors would be materially increased when compared to having two or three responsible individuals as now engaged.

8th. Georgia pretended to so lease, but had to assume all expense except clothing, lodging and board, and made a failure.

9th. It would be impossible to segregate the whites from the colored, which will be insisted upon for the next lease. This should be done.

10th. The greatest evil in general lease is allowing contractors to sell their contracts, which is in the nature of a franchise. The board proposes forestalling this in the next notice and contract, but with special permit allow to hire out prisoners, to be worked in industries in which he or they are directly interested.

The resolution then sets out the form of notice to be published in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Tampa for bids for the leasing of state prisoners for four years beginning January 1, 1910.

Negro Brakeman Killed.

A negro brakeman on the Coast Line was killed in the switch yard here Saturday afternoon. He was attempting to make a coupling when he slipped or fell in such a position that one leg was crushed by the wheel passing over it, from the effects of which he died in a few hours.

This negro had made Live Oak his home for several years, and was known here as "Snowball."

Preaching.

In the Southern Business College on Lord's day evening, February 7th, at 7 o'clock, by T. A. Cox, one of the state evangelists of the Christian church. There is a heater in the hall, and it will be made comfortable. Subject of discourse: "Our Saviour's Prayer for the Unity of His Disciples."

Come and be with us and we will try to do you good. T. A. COX.

DID JENNINGS RESIGN?

As Counsel for Internal Improvement Board—the Question Seems Mixed.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 29.—Letters from former Governor Jennings to Secretary W. M. McIntosh of the Internal Improvement Trustees stating that he resigned as counsel for them on Dec. 16, 1908, caused great interest in the trustees' meeting today. A resolution was introduced and amended to read that Ex-Gov. Jennings' term as counsel expired Dec. 31.

In his letter Ex-Gov. Jennings stated that all the business he had transacted for the board after Dec. 16, was out of courtesy. The resolution reads that his salary as counsel was paid until the end of the year. Attorney General Park H. Trammell, at the meeting on Friday, offered a resolution, taking the position that as the largest part of the suits against the trustees had been settled the trustees should not employ general counsel for the coming year, but should place the remaining suits in the hands of the Attorney General. This was done at the meeting today.

Messrs. Croom and McLin stated that the ex-governor had told them privately of his intention to resign and disapproved the action of the board. Gov. Gilchrist and Attorney General Trammell stated that the financial interests of the state should be considered and then Mr. McLin introduced the resolution accepting Ex-Gov. Jennings' resignation as based upon his letters. Gov. Gilchrist opposed the wording of the resolution and it was amended as stated. It was stated that Ex-Gov. Jennings' remuneration for his services to the trustees was \$15,000 in 1907 and \$17,000 in 1908.

LIST OF JURORS

Drawn for February Term of Criminal Court of Record.

The following named persons have been drawn to serve as jurors for the term of criminal court which convenes next week:

L. B. Mickler, W. P. Lipsey, R. D. Carter, P. F. McIntosh, R. S. Williams, M. A. Cheshire, J. W. Smith, L. Henry Johns, L. W. Law, J. H. Robertson, J. W. Holton and W. S. Hodge.

SECOND ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Regular preaching services 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Loyal workers at 3:00 p. m.

Prayer services Tuesday 7:00 p. m.

JAMES LEE, Pastor.

The Measuring Party.

On Thursday evening of last week a very delightful social gathering took place at the home of T. S. Baisden on West Duval street. It was called a measuring party and under the auspices of the "Young Peoples' Aid" of the Methodist church. A very attractive musical program was arranged by Mrs. Atkinson, in which a number of our local talent acquitted themselves creditably.

Miss Esther Haile, of Lake City, who is visiting the family of C. E. Haile and Miss Ada May Roberson deserve special mention as soloists.

The measuring part came in at five cents a foot and a penny each inch over for the individuals attending. There was fun as well as profit in getting the measures of the guests. Each had to be measured and pay according to height, but a six-foot man paid less than a five foot ten inch man, yet all went merry as could be desired and having measured, the candy table sweetened the taste of the guests for the delicious refreshments served in the dining room. Thus the ladies realized fifty dollars and gave a delightful evening to a large number of guests. Such entertainments should come frequently.

GOT TWO YEARS EACH.

Four White Men Go to Penitentiary for Breaking and Entering Store.

On Tuesday night of last week the store of Mr. Meeks, at Falmouth, was robbed of a considerable amount of merchandise. The robbery was reported to Sheriff Rickerson, and on Thursday four white men were arrested at Madison charged with the crime. They were brought to the city and placed in jail, and Saturday morning they were taken before Judge Carter of the criminal court of record and plead guilty to the charge and were sentenced to each serve a term of two years in the state penitentiary. They were all young men and their homes are in the North. They had drifted to Florida and unable to find employment or not willing to work they decided to turn robbers. After committing the crime at Falmouth they walked to Madison where they were arrested, and in less than one week they were turned over to the state penitentiary to commence their prison term.

They gave their names as Batey Brinkley, Aage Rosmusen, William Deignan and M. S. Price.



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